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## GREETINGS

My three days visit in Hunt has been one of the most vital experiences in my life. It has been a great source of inspiration for me to have been with you, and for a few days to have shared your life. As I leave you, I find one event in my visit foremost in my memory. It is the memory of my standing at the alter, and offering the Holy Eucharist for the repose of the soul of four members of your congregation who have given their lives for our country. As I call to mind this event and many others during my visit, I carry away with me a vision of a finer and more Christian America. I shall remember you in my prayers. May God richly bless you all.

Fr. Paul Wessinger, SSJE

## COLLECT

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

# 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

| WEST END 10-12 | | EAST END 32-12 | |
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| 8:00 A. M. | Holy Eucharist Fr. Kitagawa | 9:00 A. M. | Holy Eucharist 22-3-D Fr. Shoji |
| | | 9:30 A. M. | Holy Eucharist Fr. Kitagawa |
| 10:30 A. M. | Church School | 10:30 A. M. | Church School |

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Noble Nobue Sayama, a visitor from Salt Lake City, Utah, was Baptized and Confirmed last Saturday afternoon December 2nd. The Reverend Paul Wessinger, SSJE, stationed at the Monastary of St. Mary and St. John, Cambridge, Massachusetts, officiated the Holy Baptism and The Rt. Reverend Frank A. Rhea, Bishop of Idaho, officiated the Order of Confirmation.

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We were very fortunate to have Father Wessinger, SSJE, with us last week. He met number of people during his short stay at Hunt. The Stafford School P.T.A. invited him at their December meeting and Father gave a talk.

As Father Wessinger is a native of Portland, Oregon, and having visited the city prior to his visit here, he brought the friendly message from the Bishop Dagwell, Miss Chase and other friends of ours in that city. He took the early celebrations at our chapel Friday and Saturday and preached twice on Sunday, besides celebrating the main service.

Father Wessinger is now on his way back to Cambridge, Massachusetts, but will stop at Kemper Hall, Kenosha, Wisconsin, where he will visit Mabel Sato and Alice Uchida.

# IN THE MAIL-BAG

Aya Morita, Chicago, Ill. By the way, how was your Thanksgiving? Busy, no doubt. We had a party here with turkey and all the trimmings. A party for 18 is what it turned out to be. It was fun and so I don't mind the fatigue which followed afterwards. Mother and Dad wrote and said they are getting along fine in Denver. Stezie Toki is coming for a visit from Cinci. Roy and Margaret are looking forward to that. Sounds like a reunion or something like it will be popping then.

Katherine Matsuda, Chicago, Ill. ....Coming to the apartment, the taxi driver took us along the Lake. It was OK I guess, only the water was so dirty! Dr. & Mrs. Ishibashi are more than kind to us! She goes out of her way to make us feel at home and always busy doing something. Today, she brought Mary Tahara to the "Loop". Mary doesn't seem to mind Chicago, but I don't think that I shall ever feel "at home" here.

Kinuye Jitodai, Chicago, Ill.....At Cheyenne, Jeanne, Katy and I ate breakfast near the station, we didn't get lost there but back in the station, it's a miracle we even boarded the train. We started back on the original track where we got off but our car was not there. The porters all started giving different directions and finally we found it on another track. We vowed never to leave the train till we hit Chicago, but that of course we didn't keep. Omaha we got off but was not lost. Upon reaching Chicago we expected we'd hit "luck" as we have been on the way over. We sure gave Mrs. Ishibashi a run-around!

Yutaka Takakawa, Ft. McClellan, Ala.....Having our regular 17 weeks condensed into a minimum of 8 weeks our place of training keeps us quite busy. During the 4 days at Fort Snelling, I was fortunate enough to meet Father Dai. Regards to everyone.

Miss Lucy Mays Taylor, Seattle, Washington.....
We had such a nice call the other day from a Mr. Bodine I was very sorry the Bishop was out, but I enjoyed the gentlemen a lot, and Gladys Canady happened to be here too, and we had a fine visit together. Of course she is always much interested in our friends over there, so it was a pleasure to us to meet and hear him. He Had such a splendid things to say of you and our other workers, and spoke so sympathetically of the situation and its problems and the way you are meeting them.

Ruth S. Tahara, 48 Jefferson Avenue, Geneva, New York...
I just got a letter from, rather a telegram saying that she would leave Chicago tomorrow (November 27) so I expect her on Tuesday. Thanksgiving was just another day to us college-students. I had an 8:00 class as usual and chem. lab. so it kept me quite busy. It was nice, though, for my folks had Dante in for dinner. Have just gotten a letter from Willie. He says that the Christmas come early for him for the packages are slowly coming in. Flo and I went to the movies some time ago, and there was a newsreel taken of our boys in combat duty in France. But those boys did look rather happy despite the circumstances they were in.

John Matsuoka, Fenton, Michigan.....Just a few lines to let you know how I made out. As for friends, we have made many and as a leader of the 4-H Garden Club I can say that it was a success. One of my members won the county fair grand prize and also the prizes at the Howell Exhibit.

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Deaconess Margaret Poppers is convalescing at Boise in care of the Right Reverend Frank A. Rhea, Bishop of Idaho. We extend our wishes for a speedy and a complete recovery.

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